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LETTER

SIR:

This is a follow up to the amendment mailed to the USPTO on July 13, 2001. It is filed to ensure that this application does not go abandoned.

On July 27, the examiner in charge of the application called the undersigned to indicate that the application was allowable. Later that day, she called to indicate that it was not. She also indicated that a new office action would be mailed in approximately two weeks.

As of September 24, no such action had been received, and applicants left a message on the examiner's answering machine inquiring as to the case status.

The examiner left a return message on September 25, indicating that the July 27 conversations had taken place, and that an office action had not been sent. The reasons for this were because "other matters"

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had come up. The examiner indicated that, because there was an examiner interview summary sheet, there was no issue of abandonment.

Applicants have not received the "examiner interview summary sheet," and the record does NOT indicate that time is not tolling on the six month period. The examiner indicated that materials would be sent in about 2 weeks, but applicants should bear in mind that it was the end of the fiscal year.

With all due respect, the discussions took place in late July, well before the end of the fiscal year, and there has been no transmittal of the Examiner Interview Summary Sheet.

Applicants again call upon the examiner to make papers of record to indicate that abandonment is not an issue. In view of the approaching deadlines, telefaxing the documents to the fax number listed below is not inappropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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